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Free Income Tax Return Preparation at VITA Locations in Kern County

Sacramento – Individuals and families who need help with income tax return preparation can visit Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) locations throughout Kern County. These free services are sponsored by the United Way of Kern County and supported by Board of Equalization Member George Runner.

“I urge eligible Californians who need tax help to take advantage of these free opportunities. Many individuals and families may be unaware that they’re eligible for hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars in tax refunds. VITA helps bring those dollars back to California to the benefit of taxpayers and our economy,” said Runner.

Individuals who are eligible may qualify for as much as \$6,044 from the [Earned Income Tax Credit](#). Taxpayers should bring proof of identification including social security cards, wage and earning statement(s) from employers, interest and dividend statements from banks, bank routing and account numbers for direct deposit, and a copy of last year’s federal and state returns if available.

Kern County residents can call 2-1-1 for more information. To find VITA locations, visit the [IRS website](#) or call 1-800-906-9887.

Additional information about the VITA program is available at [Board Member Runner’s website](#).

Editor’s note – Links to Public Service Announcements are below:

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Elected in November 2010, George Runner represents the State Board of Equalization's Second District. He is a leading advocate for California taxpayers. Runner has worked to improve California's tax policies and practices and to create and retain more private sector jobs in our state. Prior to his election to the Board, Runner served twelve years in the State Legislature, authoring the well-known California Amber Alert and California's Blue Alert. As a thoughtful conservative, his legislative priorities included improving the economy, business growth, education excellence, and public safety for all Californians. As a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Runner consistently led the fight against tax increases and supported tax relief for families and businesses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$56 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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